

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 37. (Canceled)

38. (Currently Amended) A video server which is connected to a plurality of control terminals via a first transmission path, and which is connected to a plurality of display terminals via a second transmission path, the server comprising:

a first reception unit configured to receive a video request from one of the plurality of control terminals via the first transmission path, wherein the video request comprises video designation data designating video data, display terminal designation data designating a display terminal on which the video data is to be displayed, and first identification data identifying a first control terminal that transmitted the video request;

a confirmation data transmission unit configured to transmit via the second transmission path first confirmation data to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data ~~via the second transmission path~~, and to cause the display terminal to display the first confirmation data;

a confirmation data reception unit configured to receive confirmation data from a control terminal, ~~in response to the first confirmation data~~, wherein the confirmation data includes ~~identification data of the control terminal and~~ second confirmation data that is input ~~in using~~ the control terminal by a user who confirms the first confirmation data

displayed on the display terminal, and to receive second identification data of the control terminal that transmitted the confirmation data ~~based on the first confirmation data;~~

a comparison unit configured to compare the first identification data received by the first reception unit with the second identification data received by said confirmation data reception unit ~~of the control terminal~~, and to compare the first confirmation data transmitted by said confirmation data transmission unit with the ~~and~~ second confirmation data received by said confirmation data reception unit; and

a video data transmission unit configured to transmit via the second transmission path the video data designated by the video designation data to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data ~~via the second transmission path~~, to display the video data, if the comparisons by said comparison unit result in a match.

39. (Previously Presented) A server according to claim 38, wherein the first confirmation data is generated based on a position where the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data is located.

40. (Previously Presented) A server according to claim 38, wherein the first confirmation data is a reception identification number assigned to video data designated by the video designation data.

41. (Previously Presented) A server according to claim 40, wherein the reception identification number has a format of a video signal, and

a communication path via which said confirmation data transmission unit transmits the reception identification number to the display terminal is the same as a communication path via which said video data transmission unit transmits the video data to the display terminal.

42. (Previously Presented) A server according to claim 38, wherein the first confirmation data is a random number generated upon receiving the video request.

43. (Currently Amended) An information transmission method for a video server which is connected to a plurality of control terminals via a first transmission path, and which is connected to a plurality of display terminals via a second transmission path, the method comprising the steps of:

a first reception step of receiving a video request from one of the plurality of control terminals via the first transmission path, wherein the video request comprises video designation data designating video data, display terminal designation data designating a display terminal on which the video data is to be displayed, and first identification data identifying a first control terminal that transmitted the video request;

a first transmission step of transmitting first confirmation data to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data via the second transmission path, and causing the display terminal to display the first confirmation data;

a second reception step of receiving confirmation data from a control terminal, ~~in response to the first confirmation data~~, wherein the confirmation data includes ~~identification data of the control terminal and~~ second confirmation data that is input in

~~using the control terminal by a user who confirms the first confirmation data displayed on the display terminal, and receiving second identification data of the control terminal that transmitted the confirmation data based on the first confirmation data;~~

comparing the first identification data received by the first reception step with the second identification data received by said second reception step of the control terminal, and comparing the first confirmation data transmitted to the display terminal by the first transmitting step with ~~and~~ second confirmation data received from the control terminal by the second reception step; and

a second transmission step of transmitting, via the second transmission path, the video data designated by the video designation data to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data ~~via the second transmission path~~, to display the video data, if the comparisons in said comparing step result in a match.

44. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 43, wherein the first confirmation data is generated based on a position where the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data is located.

45. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 43, wherein the first confirmation data is a reception identification number assigned to video data designated by the video designation data.

46. (Previously Presented) The server according to claim 45, wherein the reception identification number has a format of a video signal, and

a communication path via which the reception identification number is transmitted to the display terminal is the same as a communication path via which the video data is transmitted to the display terminal.

47. (Previously Presented) The server according to claim 43, wherein the first confirmation data is a random number generated upon receiving the video request.